Construction of overbridge on National Highway No. 13

1842. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether in response to the pressing public demand Government have taken up the construction of an over-bridge on National Highway No. 13 at Solapur and straightening of the curves on the approaches to the bridge; and

(b) if so, what steps have so far been taken and what progress has since been made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) This stretch is an urban link and not a National Highway and as such falls within the purview of the State Govt. Widening of Road Over Bridge and its approaches is included in State Budget for 1993-94. Straightening of the curves on approaches has not been considered.

(b) As reported by the State Government, for widening of approaches, tenders have been invited. For widening of over bridge a sum of Rs.2.00 lakhs have been deposited with the Railways for preparation of Estimate.

Implementation of Sethusamudram Canal Project

1843. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to invite private sector to implement the Sethusamudram Canal Project in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that all the expert committees constituted by Government have recommended the implementation of this project from the year 1955;

(d) if so, whether Government would take speedy steps to implement the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Due to financial constraints, this project has not been included in the 8th Plan.

मण्डी कुल्लू राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग पर बाईपास बनाने की मंजूरी

1844. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह:** क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने मण्डी कुल्लू राष्ट्रीय राजमार्ग पर कुल्लू के निकट बाईपास बनाने के प्रस्ताव एवं प्राक्कलन को मंजूरी दे दी है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो किस तिथि को और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं तथा इसे कब तक स्वीकृति प्रदान किये जाने की संभावना है?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री जगदीश टाइटलर): (क) तथा (ख) सरकार ने 18 अक्तूबर, 1993 को परियोजना के लिए प्रशासनिक अनुमोदन दे दिया है। राज्य सरकार से हाल में प्राप्त हुए ब्यौरेवार प्राक्कलनों की शीघ्र मंजूरी हेतु जांच की जा रही है।

Declaration of M.P. roads as National Highways

1845. SHRI KAILASH NARAIN SARANG: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Transport Committee has recommended for declaration of seven roads in Madhya Pradesh as National Highway from 1984;